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**GILFORD MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL
“CRACK” COCAINE DISTRIBUTION CHARGES**

Re: United States v. Raymond Fredericksen

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and N.H. Attorney General Peter Heed announced that **Raymond FREDERICKSEN**, date of birth 9/1/79, of Gilford, NH, was sentenced on January 5, 2004 on “crack” cocaine distribution charges.

On October 6, 2003, FREDERICKSEN entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Paul J. Barbadoro to an information charging him with possession with intent to distribute over 50 grams of “crack” cocaine. According to the affidavit accompanying a federal criminal complaint issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge James Muirhead, the N.H. Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at FREDERICKSEN’s 51 Sand Hill Rd. residence in Gilford on January 10, 2003, and recovered over 50 grams of cocaine base, aka “crack” cocaine.

At today’s sentencing, Judge Barbadoro imposed a sentence of 63 months (5 years, 3 months) imprisonment followed by a 5-year period of supervised release during which FREDERICKSEN’s behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, “My office is committed not only to aggressively prosecuting drug traffickers operating in Manchester and New Hampshire’s other larger cities, but also those importing illegal drugs into smaller communities like those in the Lakes Region. Attorney General Heed’s Drug Task Force conducted a thorough and aggressive investigation in this case, and these convictions stand as a prime example of the effectiveness of cooperative efforts between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in combating the disastrous impact of crack cocaine on our communities and their residents.”

The conviction resulted from an investigation by the N.H. Drug Task Force. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (“New England OCDEF”).